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Dear Criminal Justice Colleague,

As the Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute I want to address a very important issue with you; the reduction of federal grant funding to Indiana. The staff of the Drug & Crime Control Division has discussed this issue at a training session for the Multijurisdictional Task Forces in June and again at the Project Development and Implementation Workshop in July. Also, the decrease in funding of grant programs was addressed at the recently completed regional training sessions.

For 2007 there will be only \$3.7 million available for the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.. Over the past three years the allocations for Byrne/JAG made by Congress has decreased some 64%. Indiana is not the only state to see such huge cuts in grant funds. This is happening all across the nation.

With less funding available and more agencies competing for grants, the Drug & Crime Control Division, ICJI Executive Staff, and the ICJI Board of Trustees will be faced with some very difficult decisions to make regarding who receives funding and how much. Part of the decision making process will include looking at the quality of your grant application and the success your program has had, if it is a continuation grant. If your grant application is a new one, the decision making process will include looking at the quality of your application, problem identification, how innovative is the proposed project, and how you will document its success. It is very unlikely that grantee funding levels received over the past years will be possible beginning in 2007. All of this needs to be taken into consideration as you prepare your proposal.

Attached is a graph showing the Byrne/JAG funding levels since Federal Fiscal Year 2000. I have included this as a reminder of how much the funding for this program has decreased.

I know that the Drug & Crime Control Division Staff will do their very best to assist you with any issues that you have concerning your current grant or future grant submission.

Sincerely,

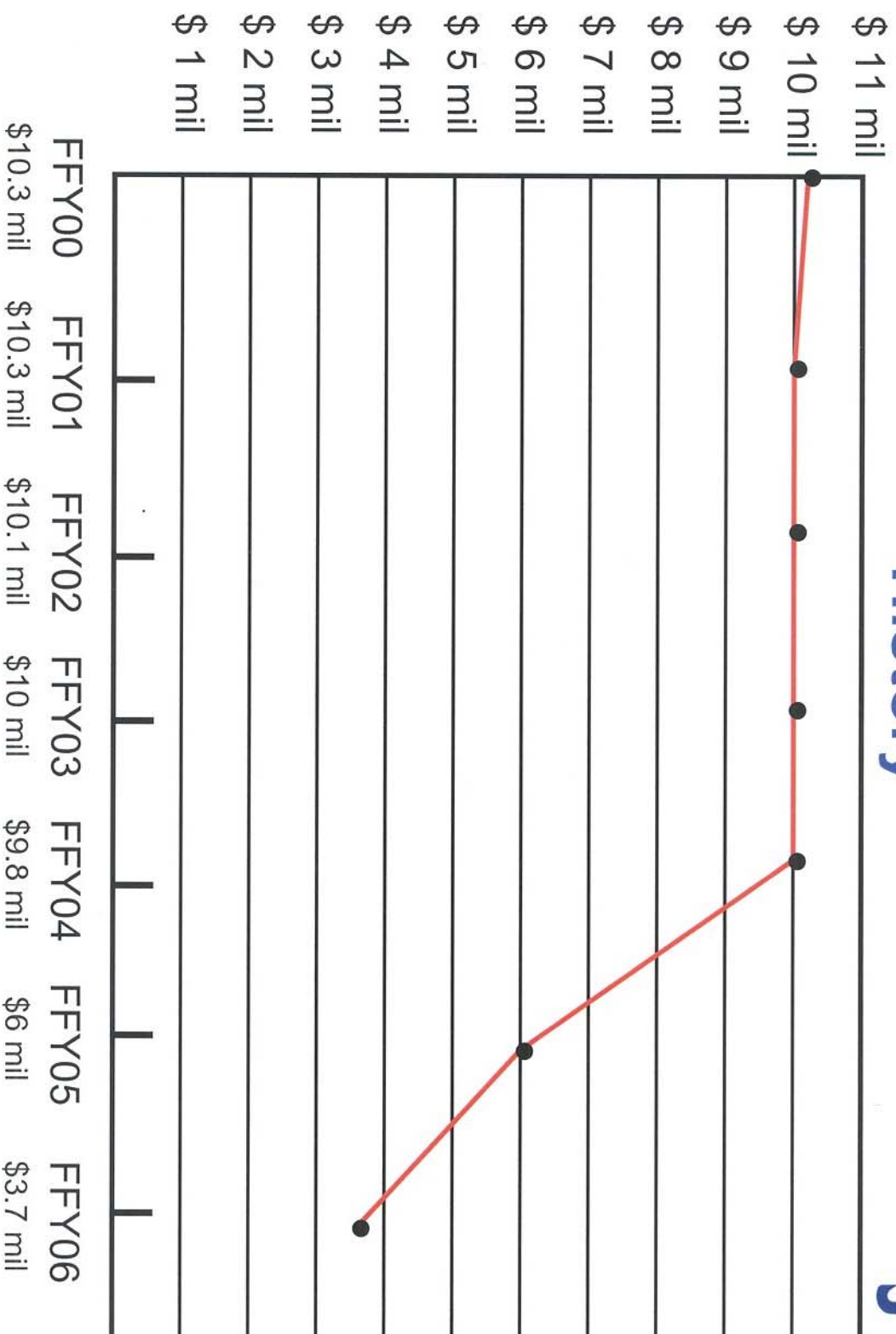
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Indiana's Byrne/JAG Funding History



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